

Subpart 5-Central Market Board  
Chapter 05- Rules Governing The Farmers Market

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1. The Board shall have the authority to set rent rates for vendors on Market grounds and shall reevaluate such rates on an annual basis. Rates shall be set to support financial stability of the Market and to encourage participation in the Market.
  2. Each vendor, whether in cooperation with other growers or not, shall individually pay a stall fee. Rental fees will be paid on a daily basis for each stall space occupied.
  3. Vendors must use the space as authorized by the Market Manager.
  4. Vendors must notify the Market Manager before delivering, engaging in business, or occupying space on the market grounds.
  5. At no time may a vendor's display restrict the view of other vendors at the market.
  6. No vendor may sub-lease or sub-let their space at any given time.
  7. The Market Manager must approve signage.
  8. Vendors may have coolers, as approved by the Market Manager, in the rented space.
  9. The Market will provide waste containers and basic electrical service. The Market will not provide electrical cords or other electrical extensions.
  10. The Market will also provide water connections for the vendors. The Market will not provide hoses or other connection equipment needed to dispense water.
  11. Hoses and other watering apparatuses must be put away and turned off immediately upon termination of use and must not pose a threat to others.
  12. Standing water must be swept to the nearest drain.
  13. No vendor shall enter into price agreements to raise, lower, or fix prices for products on the Market. Vendors are not to influence other vendors to sell lower or higher other than through natural competition.
  14. Each vendor operates privately and separately, and it is the individual responsibility of each vendor to comply with all city, county, state and federal laws and regulations concerning packaging, labeling, taxation, food safety and sanitation, etc.
  15. No vendor is to approach customers while at the location of another vendor. No calling out of prices will be permitted.
  16. Use of the product label "Organic" must be in accordance with all Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations.
  17. No live animals shall be offered for sale at the Market.
  18. No smoking or tobacco use shall be allowed in the building.
  19. No alcohol, intoxicating beverage or narcotic, nor any person under the influence thereof, shall be allowed on the market premises.
  20. Loitering in or around the Market after designated operating hours is prohibited.
  21. No eighteen-wheelers shall be allowed on Market grounds.
  22. No repairs on vehicles, other than emergency repairs, may be performed on Market grounds.
  23. All vehicles belonging to or used by the vendor must be parked directly behind their rented stall or in customer parking, and must be moved on a daily basis (cannot stay after Market closes).

24. No soliciting of products other than approved items will be permitted.
25. No pets are allowed in the building with the exception of dogs aiding the handicapped.
26. No loading or unloading of products in a stall in front of the customer walkway is allowed.
27. No person shall deface or damage the Market building.
28. Vendors are responsible for the actions, behavior, and dress of their representatives, employees or agents. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times.
29. All vendors and vendor personnel are responsible for a daily proper disposal and removal of refuse, discards, and garbage from their rented space, including, without limitation, the ten feet in front and rear of rented space and five feet on all sides of any vehicle parked at a rented space.
30. Vendor displays and storage must be kept sanitary on a daily basis.
31. The Market is not liable and assumes no responsibility for any personal items or property in or around the stall(s).
32. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce has the right to invite any outside vendor for temporary, promotional events with those individuals adhering to only the 'Operational Guidelines.'
33. To the fullest extent allowed by law, each vendor shall indemnify, defend, save, hold harmless, protect and exonerate the Board, its directors, employees, agents, representatives, the Market Manager, and the State of Mississippi from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, suits, actions, damages and losses for personal injury, death or property damage, including, without limitation, court costs, investigative fees and attorneys' fees arising out of such vendor's operations on the Board's grounds, and whether caused by the vendor or his agents, employees or subcontractors. Each vendor shall be solely responsible for all costs and/or expenses associated with such defense.
34. Vendors may leave their products and other property in the stall space over night only if the rental fee has been paid in advance.
35. Upon departure, all space for which tenant is responsible, as described above, must be left clean.
36. If the vendor has been absent from Market and rent has accrued, tenant must, upon his return to the Market, pay all delinquent rent and/or fees before engaging in business again.
37. The Market Manager reserves the right to eject from the grounds any individual who interferes with the commerce and operation of the Market.
38. If a vendor violates any of these rules, he may be debarred by the Market Manager from operating as a vendor at the Market.
39. If the Mississippi Legislature or the United States Congress fails to appropriate the funds necessary to operate the Market, the Market Manager may debar any or all of the vendors from operating at the Market.
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41. Based on variation in market products and seasonal changes of available products, the Board gives the Market Manager, with the Board's approval, the flexibility to set the

- ratio of Mississippi producer grown products and the non-MS producer grown products available for sale at the market.
42. No person or organization may solicit money, votes or signatures or engage in a protest, demonstration or political activity/speech, including distribution of written material until after he has registered with the Market Manager. Such activities must be conducted at least 100 feet from the Market building and in an area specifically designated by the Market Manager. No more than twenty-five (25) people may engage in such activities on behalf of the subject organization, political candidate or ideology being advocated. Any person participating in a protest, demonstration or political speech at the market may carry a sign, display or poster no larger than nine (9) square feet in area in his hands or on his body during such activity. The Market Manager reserves the right to eject from the grounds any individual who interferes with or disrupts the commerce and operation of the Market. This regulation should not be considered a limitation on the rental of the Market for political rallies or activities during non-operating hours.

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